GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
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RAILWAY VENDORS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Catering/Vending units in Railways have been handed over or being handed over to the Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC);

(b) if so, the status of Commission Vendors who are working under the old policy i.e. if the vendor dies, or becomes handicapped, his legal heir is appointed as Commission Vendor to support the family;

(c) whether the Government has not enhanced commission for the Railways Commission Vendors for the last five decades ;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether the Government proposes to review their commission ;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) the total number of Commission Vendors working in the Railways ?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a)&(b) : Transfer of catering units along with staff to Indian Railway Catering and Tcii ss Corporation (IRCTC) is being done phase wise. As per extant policy, railways are progressively absorbing the Commission Bearers Vendors against regular vacancies in Group `D` categories. Direct compassionate appointment to the widow/ward is permissible in case of death or medical incapaciuiion on absorption in regular employment.

(c)No, Sir. The need to enhance commission is not felt in view of fact that commission is based on ,certain percentage of sales depending on the prevailing rates of catering items, taking into account viz.importance of stations, volume of passenger traffic and price of commodities at that station etc.

(d)to (f): Do not arise.

(g) The total number of Commission Vendors/Bearers working on railways till date are 1044.